

Franklin County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in April	Descriptor Term: Dress Code – Middle School and High School	Descriptor Code: 6.310	Issued Date: 08/08/16
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1 The Franklin County School System is committed to help create and maintain the very best learning
2 environment possible. A correlation certainly exists between appropriate attire and a positive learning
3 environment.

4 Any dress or hairstyle that is considered contrary to good hygiene, distractive or disruptive in
5 appearance, detrimental to the educational environment or to the public image of the school shall not be
6 allowed. The administration of the school reserves the right and responsibility to determine whether a
7 student's attire is within the limits of appropriateness for school, decency, and modesty. In matters of
8 opinion, the judgment of the principal/designee shall prevail.

9 A uniform dress code is in effect at the middle schools and high schools. The uniform dress code will
10 include solid khaki (khaki-colored) pants, skirts, shorts, skorts or capris or appropriately solid-colored
11 jeans, denim skirts, shorts, skorts or capris with no holes. Pants will be belted at the waist when
12 appropriate. Shirts will be collared, or crew necked, with sleeves. Shirts may be solid-colored or
13 patterned. The only logos that may be on a shirt will be – logos no larger than a six (6) by six (6) inch
14 square. Shirts must completely cover the abdomen, back, shoulders, midribs, and cleavage. Shirts will
15 be tucked in the pants or skirts or, at the discretion of the school, allowed to be worn on the outside if
16 worn neatly. Spirit wear depicting the school of attendance will be considered appropriate attire.

17 The following specific expectations have been established to help create and maintain the best learning
18 environment:

- 19 1. All clothing must be clean, appropriate for school, and size appropriate. Clothing must not
20 have holes, be cut-off, ripped, or see-through. The only logos allowed must meet the six (6) by
21 six (6) inch square requirement on shirts. Spirit wear is allowed at any time and is identified as
22 any clothing item that displays the student's assigned school's logo or publicizes a class, club
23 or team that is recognized by the assigned school.
- 24 2. Shorts, skorts and capris must cover to the top of the knee when standing.
- 25 3. If leggings, jeggings, or tights are worn, the student's top or outer garment must cover to the
26 top of the knee when standing.
- 27 4. Skirts shall be knee length when the girl is standing erect. Slits in dresses or skirts shall not
28 exceed three inches above the front and/or back of the knee.
- 29 5. Pants must be worn above the hip-bone; sagging/bagging is not allowed. At this time, low rider
30 and hip hugger style pants are permissible.
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- 1 6. All coats, jackets, sweaters, and any other kind of outer wear may be solid-colored or patterned.
2 Outer wear that is spirit wear depicting the school of attendance may be worn.
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- 4 7. Footwear is required and must be worn; footwear must be safe and appropriate for indoor and
5 outdoor activities. Inappropriate footwear includes, but is not limited to, house shoes/bedroom
6 slippers, and skate shoes.
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- 8 8. Clothing and accessories including, but not limited to, book bags, backpacks, belt buckles,
9 patches, jewelry, and notebooks must not contain or have printed on them racial/ethnic slurs or
10 symbols, gang symbols/affiliations, or vulgar, obscene, subversive, sexually suggestive
11 language, symbols, or images.
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13 Clothing and accessories such as book bags, backpacks, belt buckles, patches, jewelry and
14 notebooks shall not be derogatory to any individual or groups, or disruptive to the school
15 environment.
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17 Clothing or accessories shall not promote products which students may not legally buy such as
18 alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, and controlled substances or promote violence.
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- 20 9. Items which are prohibited include, but may not be limited to:
- 21 a. Head apparel (hats/caps, scarves, hair picks, stocking caps, hair curlers, the hoods on
22 hoodies or jackets, etc.) inside the school building, except for religious or medical
23 purposes (for which doctor's verification of need is required);
 - 24 b. Sunglasses inside the school building, except for health purposes – doctor's verification
25 of need is required;
 - 26 c. Visible body piercing jewelry (including tongue piercing) other than earrings (if worn,
27 earrings must not pose a threat to the student's safety nor be disruptive to the peace and
28 good order of the schools);
 - 29 d. Large, long, and/or heavy chains (including billfold chains); and
 - 30 e. Trench coats, except as needed in very extreme weather.
 - 31 f. Tattoos and other similar markings of the skin are discouraged (offensive tattoos must
32 be covered).

33 The director of schools may allow exceptions for some of the above listed items for special school
34 activities.

35 Appropriate corrective/disciplinary action will be taken by the school administration if a student comes
36 to school in clothing that is not deemed to be appropriate. Corrective/disciplinary action may include,
37 but is not limited to, calling parents to bring appropriate clothing, detention, in-school suspension
38 and/or other disciplinary action as deemed appropriate. Three dress code violations will result in
39 suspension to the alternative school for no less than twenty (20) days.

- 1 The principal’s discretion shall prevail in regard to appropriate attire for all after-school activities.
- 2 The Board expects the Director of Schools to require all principals and all certificated personnel to
- 3 enforce the above dress code in a consistent manner.

Legal References

1. TCA 49-6-4215(a)(1) ; TCA 49-1-302(j)

Cross References

- Discipline Procedures 6.313
Suspension/Expulsion/Remand 6.316